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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131**

Sir:

We, the undersigned, do hereby declare:

1. That we are the named inventors for the claimed subject matter of the present application, and that each of us is currently employed by ANDEN CO., LTD, (hereinafter "ANDEN") a co-assignee of the present application.
2. That prior to the US filing date (5 November 2002) of US patent 6,948,944 to Ueno, we had completed a four-page written disclosure of the invention disclosed and claimed in the present application. The written disclosure is attached, along with a cover page, as the Appendix to this declaration and bears a case number PN02-184. One purpose of the written disclosure was to record the invention for possible patenting.
3. That the pages of the Appendix are known to us to be a true copy of our disclosure, which was sent to the intellectual property department of ANDEN on October 10, 2002.

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4. That the first page (cover page) of the Appendix bears a group of date stamps near its top in a table form. The second date stamp from the right shows the date (October 10, 2002) on which the disclosure was submitted to our intellectual property department.

5. That the rightmost date stamp the first page of the Appendix shows a date of 15 October 2002, which is the date that the disclosure was received by the intellectual property department.

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